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APPLICANT: A. Kuriyama, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is in response to the Final Official Action mailed September 8, 2003 and Advisory Action mailed December 1, 2003 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Applicants believe that a one-month extension of time is required and respectfully petitions therefor. The fee of \$110 is provided herewith. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the

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possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows before calculating the filing fee therefor:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **amend** claim 1 as shown in the Status of the Claims, *infra*:

Please **add** new claims 21-30.